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Cold Ashby Parish Council

Draft minutes of ordinary general meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday August 6th, 2025, in the Playing Field Pavilion at 7.30p.m.

Present: Councillors Bailey (RB), Harpham (NH), Peel (AP), Alex Taylor (AT), Fiona Taylor (FT), Rachel Williams (RIW) and Richard Williams (RdW). Councillor Christine Ware (CW, WNC). Jonathan Ward-Langman (Clerk, JBW-L).

25.08.01 – Apologies: there were none.

25.08.02 - the minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday June 4th, 2025, were approved as a true record (*Proposed AT, seconded RIW*)

25.08.03 – Matters arising: the Clerk reported that there is a water meter for the cemetery that should be regularly read. RB offered to do this. **Action RB.**

25.08.04 – Open forum: no members of the public present.

- CW reported on the 'DOGE' initiative to find savings being implemented by new WNC administration and the current budget position.
- CW confirmed that the decision of the new WNC administration to scrap local Net Zero targets had been 'called in' for review.
- CW reported that the 59/60 bus service is now running on Saturdays as well as Tuesdays and Fridays.

25.08.05 – Accounts:

- the attached accounts for June and July 2025 included as Annex A were approved unanimously (*Proposed RB, seconded NH*).
- the payments included at Annex A were approved unanimously (*Proposed RB, seconded FT*).

25.08.06 – Planning matters:

- **20252738FULL Fieldfare Barn Stanford Road Cold Ashby NN6 6EP:** the Council agreed to support the application in view of the environmental provisions included in the design (*Proposed RIW, seconded NH*). **Action Clerk.**

25.08.07 – Cemetery: proposal for a new memorial at Cold Ashby Cemetery for the late Miss Rita Helen Lomas, grave reference 80, from J. Stamp and Sons was approved unanimously (*Proposed FT, seconded NH*). **Action Clerk.**

25.08.08 – Insurance Policy renewal: Agreed that CAPFA would review and complete the renewal questionnaire at its meeting on August 12th 2025. Clerk to request extension from Gallaghers and forward to RB and NH. **Action Clerk.**

25.08.09 – Spanglefish proposed upgrade: approved, 3 months free trial to be taken up (*Proposed RIW, seconded RdW*). **Action Clerk.**

25.08.10 – Scramblers, Bridle Lane: concerns raised by resident, also noted problem with fly-tipping land at A14 J1 (A14/A5199) site of planned service station. Clerk to report to WNC Highways and landowner. CW to raise with WNC enforcement. **Action Clerk.**

25.08.11 - NCALC Climate and Nature (CAN) Champion scheme: Agreed to seek volunteer. *Action All.*

25.08.12 - NCALC Audit Service: Agreed to subscribe for 2025-26 (*Proposed RdW, seconded FT*). *Action Clerk.*

25.08.13 - Parish Clerk's salary Pay Award: Agreed increase Clerk's salary in accordance with 2025-26 local government pay award (*Proposed RIW, seconded AT*). *Action Clerk.*

25.08.14 - Post:

- Noted email from Naseby resident regarding fly-tipping on land at J1 A14 (see 25.08.10, above). *Action Clerk.*
- Noted WNC UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) grants for environmental projects. To be considered at September meeting. *Action Clerk.*
- Noted email from resident re repositioning of CCTV cameras at Black Horse. Clerk to write to owner. *Action Clerk.*

Date of next meeting: Ordinary General Meeting Wednesday September 3rd, 2025, in the Playing Field Pavilion at 7.30p.m.

Annex A: June/July 2025

Date	Account	Category	Desc	Credit/ Debit	£	VAT	Total	Notes
29/05/25	Main	Opening Balance				£0.00	£14,423.10	
29/05/25	Savings	Opening Balance				£0.00	£9,880.43	
29/05/25	Main	Cemetery Charges	J. Stamp (Lomas)	Credit	£80.00	£0.00	£80.00	
06/06/25	Main	Data Protection	ICO	Debit	£47.00	£0.00	£47.00	
30/05/25	Savings	Interest	Interest	Credit	£8.93	£0.00	£8.93	
16/06/25	Main	Audit	Alan Chantler, professional services	Debit	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00	
16/06/25	Main	Cemetery Charges	J. Stamp (Lill) to reimburse overpayment.	Debit	£334.00	£0.00	£334.00	
16/06/25	Main	Street Lights	Eon (maintenance)	Debit	£192.00	£38.40	£230.40	
17/06/25	Main	S136 Grasscutting (NNC)	Unpaid grant 2023	Credit	£199.88	£0.00	£199.88	
17/06/25	Main	Website & email accounts	IONOS (DD)	Debit	£3.00	£0.60	£3.60	
30/06/25	Savings	Interest	Interest	Credit	£9.24	£0.00	£9.24	
17/07/25	Main	Water Charge	Wave	Debit	£19.22	£0.00	£19.22	
28/07/25	Main	Website & email accounts	IONOS annual subscription (DD)	Debit	£27.99	£5.60	£33.59	
	Main	Total					£692.81	
	Savings	Total					£0.00	
	Income (Main)	Total					£279.88	
	Income (Reserve)	Total					£18.17	
Above payments authorised:								
	Clerk							
	Councillor			Main Account			£14,010.17	
	Councillor			Savings account			£9,898.60	
				Month Balance			£23,908.77	
	Date:	July 31st 2025						

Annex A: BANK RECONCILIATION FOR COLD ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING August 6 th , 2025							
Name of smaller authority:		Cold Ashby Parish Council					
County area (local councils and parish meetings only):						West Northamptonshire	
Financial year ending 31 March 2026							
Prepared by (Name and Role):		Jonathan Ward-Langman Clerk/ RFO					
Date:		31/07/2025					
						£	£
Balance per bank statements as at 30/04/2025							
Business Current Account 1045		account 1				£14,010.17	
Business Reserve Account 2605		account 2				£9,898.60	
		account 3					
Petty cash float (if applicable)							£0.00
Less: any unpresented cheques as at 31/07/2025 (enter these as negative numbers)							£0.00
Net balances as at 31/07/2025							£23,908.77

Annex A: Invoices for approval Cold Ashby Parish Council August 6th, 2025

Date	Account	Category	Description	Credit/Debit	£	VAT	Total
01/06/2025	Main	Grass Cutting (May)	Thompson Groundcare	Debit	£407.96	£81.59	£489.55
17/06/2025	Main	Clerk's salary & PAYE	Clerk’s Salary Apr-June 2025 incl.	Debit	£760.40	£0.00	£760.40
17/06/2025	Main	Clerk's salary & PAYE	PAYE Apr-June 2025 incl	Debit	£190.00	£0.00	£190.00
18/06/2025	Main	Streetlights	Eon (maintenance Q1)	Debit	£192.00	£38.40	£230.40
01/07/2025	Main	Grass Cutting (June)	Thompson Groundcare	Debit	£407.96	£81.59	£489.55
30/07/2025	Main	Website & email accounts	IONOS (DD)	Debit	£3.00	£0.60	£3.60
24/06/2025	Main	Payroll	DCK invoice 25759	Debit	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
Above payments authorised:							
	Clerk	Jonathan Ward-Langman					
	Councillor						
	Councillor						
	Date:						

